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18	Andaman & Nicobar Islands
19	Daman
	Tribal Majority States/Union Territories
20	Arunachal Pradesh
21	Meghalaya
22	Mizoram
23	Nagaland
24	Dadra & Nagar Haveli
25	Lakshadweep

Import of sugar

516. SHRI N.E. BALARAM : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to State :

(a) whether Government propose to import sugar worth Rs. 400 crores during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the factors necessitating such heavy imports; and

(c) who is being appointed as their agents for the imports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) to (c) Quantum and schedule of import of sugar are decided after considering domestic stock, production, consumption of sugar, current price and expected trend in internal market and sugar price in International Market. It is not in public interest to disclose such details.

Declaration of coconut as oilseed

517. SHRI N.E. BALARAM : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Kerala Governmment has been demanding for a long time that coconut should be declared as oilseed; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) and (b) Demands have been made from time to time to declare Coconut as an Oilseed. It is not considered necessary to declare coconut as oilseed because being a plantation crop, distinct from annual crops of other oilseeds, coconut requires specialised handling for which Coconut Development Board has been set up. Besides, only a small part of this crop is being used as edible oil.

Pepsi Co Projects

518. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state the progress made so far in the implementation of the Pepsi-Cola Project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : A new company in the name of M/s. Pepsi Foods Private Limited has been formed as a joint venture company to implement the Letter of Intent. Effective steps like acquisition of land, commencment of construction of civil works, placing of orders for machinery etc. has been taken As part of setting up of an Agro-Research Centre, agricultural extension research is underway at various places to improve yields per acre of tomatoes and potatoes.